To: Mcseveney, Megan[mcseveney.megan@epa.gov]

From: Karl, Richard

Sent: Tue 3/25/2014 4:19:57 PM

Subject: RE: Im heading out to Whiting in 5 minutes.

I am OK as long as OPA is aware and comfortable with it.

From: Mcseveney, Megan

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 4:17 PM

To: Karl, Richard; Ballotti, Doug

Cc: Clements, Mindy

Subject: RE: Im heading out to Whiting in 5 minutes.

I think in that case then I am one of the few people here, ready to go now. Cisco doesn't have safety gear and would have to get back here (he is with the RA) and get that. If you are ok with this, then I will head out now.

From: Karl, Richard

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:16 AM **To:** Mcseveney, Megan; Ballotti, Doug

Cc: Clements, Mindy

Subject: RE: Im heading out to Whiting in 5 minutes.

I would think OPA should send someone until we know that the spill is not a big news story especially with Coast Guard PIO out there.

From: Mcseveney, Megan

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 4:13 PM

To: Karl, Richard; Ballotti, Doug

Cc: Clements, Mindy

Subject: RE: Im heading out to Whiting in 5 minutes.

OPA is not sure if they are sending anyone yet, Cisco is currently with Susan.

Jeff knows I'm going, he wasn't sure it was necessary and did want to make sure that someone here would be able to feed along information. We let him know that Mindy is helping feed info along.

I can certainly stay here, but since USCG has a PIO there and so does BP, I think it would be good to have someone out there. When I called the USCG PIO (after I got his number from Cisco and checked with Jeff), he didn't know EPA was the lead on the spill.

From: Karl, Richard

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:09 AM **To:** Mcseveney, Megan; Ballotti, Doug

Cc: Clements, Mindy

Subject: RE: Im heading out to Whiting in 5 minutes.

Does OPA know you are heading out and are you representing them?

From: Mcseveney, Megan

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 4:06 PM

To: Ballotti, Doug; Karl, Richard

Cc: Clements, Mindy

Subject: Im heading out to Whiting in 5 minutes.

I have all the safety gear and have sent a draft desk statement to Mindy. She will hopefully have more info to fill in after the 11 am briefing and will send that up to OPA once you all have signed off. Additionally, we can also use that draft desk statement as our update to Susan at noon.

Thank you!